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Participants at Regional Rally in Two Hills, Alberta. Seated, left to right, Josephine Bayduza, Edmonton; Fr. Cherkowski, Walter Sowiak, U.C.Y. Pres. of Edmonton Diocese, Fr. Hanushewski, Harry Kulak

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# Vocation Notes

## Needs of Church Challenge Youth

by Fr. M. DACIUK, O.S.B.M.

Through radio and TV programs and through advertisements in the press, the government is calling attention of our Canadian youth to the needs of the Armed Forces and the advantages of enlistment. And many young men and women take heed to this call and enlist into the Canadian Army, Navy or the Air Force so that they may be ready, if the need should arise, to defend the rights and privileges of our loving Canada. They realize that this call demands of them many hardships and sacrifices and often even their lives. But still they meet this challenge heroically in the conviction that is worthwhile to even give up one's life for such an important cause as the good of one's country and its people.

In like manner the Catholic Church is appealing to all young men and women to consider the question of enlisting in the Army of Christ and the Services of the Church. And the laws and privileges of God's reign in the hearts of His people must be defended against His and our fiercest enemy — sin and the devil, who try to ruin not only our temporal wellbeing but especially our eternal happiness.

We must realize that this calling demands even a greater sacrifice — wholehearted dedication to the works of spreading God's Kingdom here on earth and saving the immortal human souls. Shouldn't we be as willing to meet this great challenge since its cause is so sublime?

We must understand that recruits are needed in every field of this great calling. There is not a diocese in Canada be it of the Latin or the Eastern Rite, that is not short of priests. Ask any Bishop what is his greatest problem and, 99 chances of 100, he will tell you it is the shortage of priests and sisters.

Interview the Superiors of the religious Orders of men and ask why they decline so many invitations to accept assignments, initiate new works or open more institutions. Lack of manpower will be the answer.

Go to any convent, put the same question to any Sister, and whether she be the junior in her community or Mother General, she will give the same concise reply — "We need more vocations."

So to our Catholic Youth the needs of the Church constitute a challenge. The idea of giving one-



self to the service of God at the altar and becoming a priest should appeal to the average normal Catholic boy. To become the Bride of Christ should be the secret hope and dream of many a modern girl.

Will you, dear Youth, have this call of God in mind when you draw to the close of this year's school term? Will you face the question seriously and wholeheartedly if perchance you, too, should meet the challenge and enlist into

Christ's Army? Remember that a dedication to God is in the end nothing but an intermittent series of acts of heroic charity. A flame of love conquers the heart of a young boy or girl and makes him or her break the bonds which bind them to family and home so that they may give their hearts in full to the works of God's calling . . . And certainly our good and loving heavenly Father is worthy of such a dedication and sacrifice . . .

## Fifth U.C.Y. Convention Toronto Diocese

### Minutes of the Convention

The First Session of the Ukrainian Catholic Youth of Eastern Canada opened on Saturday, February 14th, in the Rose Room of the Lord Simcoe Hotel at 2:00 p.m.

Father N. Swirsky, Spiritual Director of the Ukrainian Catholic Youth opened the Session with a prayer. Mr. Ed Medwig, President, welcomed all delegates and guests to the opening session of U.C.Y. and requested that the following people take their places at the head table: — Father B. Dzurman, Monsignor B. Filewich, Miss Mary Rakabowchuk, Montreal; and Mr. Mark Kulick, Windsor.

Mr. Medwig then asked the two secretaries, Miss Catherine Smyke and Miss Mary Ann Peters to come to the head table in order to take the minutes of the Convention.

The session was opened for nomination of the two Committees.

#### Nomination Committee

Miss Mary Trakalo, Toronto — chairman; Mr. John Newediuk, Toronto; Miss Mary Rakabowchuk,

Montreal; Mr. Roman Melnyk, Montreal; Mr. Ray Siganski, Hamilton.

#### Organizational — Resolution Committee

Miss Nadia Boruch, Toronto — chairman; Mr. Julian Zajac, Montreal; Miss Mary Ann Shkaraban, Toronto; Mr. Alex Romans'ki, Toronto; Mr. Don Boykach, Toronto; Miss Donna Watamaniuk, Montreal.

The Spiritual Directors for each Committee were Monsignor B. Filewich for the Nominal Committee and Father T. Harasymchuk for the Organizational and Resolution Committee.

Mr. Ed Medwig, President, gave a Report of the activities of the Diocesan Executive that had occurred during the past two years of office, a copy of which is on file. The report was accepted and approved by the Convention.

Mr. Ed Medwig, then introduced Rev. Father B. Dzurman, guest speaker. The topic of his address was "Spirituality in a Youth Club", a copy of which is on file. The main

point which he stressed was the necessity of spiritualizing the entire club program of all local units. He cited means by which this could be obtained and stressed that spiritualizing of club programs the future Executive should put all its energy into this effort.

The President then thanked Father B. Dzurman, on behalf of the Diocesan Executive and everyone present, for his enlightening talk. The Chairman then opened a discussion session.

Mr. Bill Mandzia, Montreal, made a suggestion that all the Spiritual Directors of the U.C.Y. locals get together to straighten out the various problems within the eastern clubs.

Mr. Julian Zajac, Montreal, suggested that there should be more articles of importance in the YOUTH magazine rather than local club activities, as local activities from a club out west would not be of any interest to clubs in the east.

A discussion continued, wherein Miss Nadia Boruch stated that there were articles of importance in the YOUTH magazine, that in fact the January issue was mostly devoted to Eastern Canada. She then produced a copy of the YOUTH and illustrated to the delegates and guests present such topics contained in that issue as: — Introduction to the Diocesan Executive and its forthcoming Convention, club reports from Toronto, and the Personality of the Month.

Father N. Swirsky rose to explain how the YOUTH magazine was started and the difficulties that arose in obtaining editors and articles for the magazine. He also stated

that the editor of this magazine was doing the work on a part time basis and sometimes did not have the opportunity of doing as good a job as he would have liked to have done.

Father N. Swirsky further stated that locals who were having trouble in receiving their copies of YOUTH should forward their subscriptions to the Diocesan Executive who in turn would forward the money on to the Editor of the YOUTH in Edmonton.

Mr. Roman Melnyk, Montreal, then suggested that we should have a page in the Our Aim Diocesan weekly newspaper (Nasha Meta), part of which should be in Ukrainian and the rest in English. During the remaining discussion, Monsignor B. Filevich warned that the Ukrainian people would not subscribe to or buy Nasha Meta if English would be printed in the newspaper.

Father T. Harasymchuk urged the delegates to concentrate on making the YOUTH magazine a worthwhile project. This statement was met by general approval. He further suggested that we should have two or three editors in Eastern Canada who would be responsible for editing articles.

Mr. Bill Mandzia, Montreal, urged that all delegates take upon themselves the duty of earnestly promoting in their respective local units subscriptions to the YOUTH magazine. All present agreed.

Mr. Don Boykach, Toronto, suggested that a club should not tolerate non-payment of membership, YOUTH magazine fees and U.C.Y. pins.

Father T. Harasymchuk, commented that we have a capable staff for supplying many articles to the YOUTH magazine. He then suggested that we should study the programming of the C.Y.O. publication "The Dandelion" and apply those ideas which would most benefit our organization.

Mr. Ed Medwig, President, suggested that every local should submit either yearly or half-yearly reports of their activities, or any articles of spiritual, educational or cultural value that would be of interest.

Miss Mary Mustoway, New Toronto, stated that we should have articles submitted by older and more learned people, in order to have more interesting reading material for the youth.

Mr. Ray Siganski, Hamilton, stated that articles should be submitted to the YOUTH magazine on such subjects as the Mass in the Greek Catholic Rite for the benefit of those people who are not familiar with the Greek rite; How a Pope is chosen and the duties of a Pope, etc.

Mr. Joe Korchinski, Toronto, wanted to know whose responsibility it would be to make sure that the monthly reports and articles were submitted regularly to the YOUTH and suggested that we should keep ahead with three or four issues.

Mr. Julian Zajac, Montreal, stated that the Editor of the YOUTH should be given help. To begin with, all locals should strive to get new subscriptions and articles on spiritual, cultural and sports subjects and to submit them to the

Diocesan Executive to be approved and forwarded to Edmonton. This was approved by everyone present.

Miss Donna Watamaniuk, Montreal, also stated that all delegates should return to their locals and emphasize the importance of subscribing to the YOUTH.

Mr. Zenon Bryniawsky, Montreal, then stated that we should strive to get new Canadians into our youth clubs; that there was no reason why Ukrainian Catholic Youth should belong to other Ukrainian organizations other than U.C.Y.

Father N. Swirsky agreed with Mr. Zenon Bryniawsky, that these people should be in U.C.Y. and that we should approach them and invite them to our clubs and it was stated that we should have something for them to keep them interested in our activities. It was urged that all local units should always refer to themselves as Ukrainian Catholic Youth clubs.

It was then suggested that more Ukrainian should be spoken during the U.C.Y. meetings. It was questioned by Miss Olga Weres, Toronto, whether or not Ukrainian should be spoken during regular meetings. Father N. Swirsky answered that according to the Constitution, we could speak both.

It was stated by Father T. Harasymchuk that in different Montreal churches, they are practising the Dialogue Mass and that this could be introduced by the U.C.Y. into their respective parishes.

Father W. Werbicki then stated that in Montreal, they have local deaneries, (regional committees). This was explained as having the President of all clubs meet together

to form a Central Committee and discuss the problems of the clubs in their respective parishes.

Mr. Roman Melnyk, Montreal, explained the deanory system more fully and stated that in each of the four regions, Toronto, Niagara Falls, Windsor and Montreal, a Central Committee or Deanory as they call it could be organized and this was approved by Mr. Don Boykach, Toronto.

Miss Mary Trakalo then stated that there is such a provision for this system already in the Constitution (regionals) but that the same had been neglected and now should be put into effect.

THAT the Diocesan Executive should prepare a plan of activities as well as conferences for different occasions on the above topics and send them to the clubs. The club should then have more competent sources when within the club the necessary sources of information are lacking.

It was suggested by Mr. Don Boykach, Toronto, that all members stand and introduce themselves to the body and state the parishes they represent. The Chairman accepted this motion and same was carried through.

Mr. Bill Mandzia, Montreal, began a discussion on membership cards and stated that membership fees should be paid on time and that there was no reason why this would then be forwarded to the should be neglected. The many Diocesan Executive promptly. At this time, the question was asked how the money was distributed and it was stated that 50c remained with the locals, 25c is forwarded

to the Dominion Executive and 25c to the Diocesan Executive.

Mr. Julian Zajac stated that all locals should receive a list of prospective youth club members from the parish priest in order to get in touch with them when they come of age. In this way we would always have youth to replace those entering the young married people's clubs.

Miss Olga Weres, Toronto, asked how long a member should be allowed to attend meetings without paying his or her membership. Miss Mary Rakabowchuk, Montreal, then explained that in Montreal they allowed members to miss three consecutive meetings. After that they were asked why they did not attend. Circular letters were sent out informing them that they are to be present at the meetings, and also that if they did not attend they were no longer members of the U.C.Y. If the members did not return, they were automatically dropped from the membership of the club. In order to return as club members again, they had to apply again for membership cards.

Father N. Swirsky then thanked Monsignor B. Filevich for his help during this Convention and also thanked Father B. Dzurman for his enlightening talk. He then introduced, Father T. Harasymchuk, Montreal; Father Kowalski, Montreal; Father W. Werbicki, Montreal; and Father Butrynsky, Welland, to the delegates and guests present.

The session closed with a prayer led by Monsignor B. Filevich.

The Second Session started at 11:30 a.m. in the Bronze Room at



the Lord Simcoe Hotel, on February 15th, 1959.

Mr. Ed Medwig requested Father N. Swirsky to open the session with a prayer.

The following Reports were then read by the U.C.Y. locals of Eastern Canada: —

(1) St. Josephat's Parish — Toronto submitted by Mr. Joe Korchinski.

(2) Our Lady of Perpetual Help — Toronto submitted by Miss Olga Bayko.

(3) St. Basil the Great — Toronto submitted by Mr. Don Boykach.

(4) St. Michael's Parish — Montreal submitted by Mr. Zenon Bryniawsky.

(5) Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary Parish — Montreal submitted by Mr. Bill Mandzia.

(6) Holy Ghost Parish — Montreal submitted by Miss Mary Rakowchuk.

(7) St. Vladimir and Olga — Windsor submitted by Mr. Mark Kulick.

(8) Holy Ghost Parish — Hamilton submitted by Mr. Ray Siganski.

(9) Church of the Transfiguration — Kitchener submitted by Miss Sophie Mazur.

Miss Mary Trakalo, chairman of the Nomination Committee presented the following slate of officers:—

President — Mr. Joe Korchinski; 1st Vice-President — Mr. Alex Romanski; 2nd Vice-President — Mr. Roman Melnyk — Montreal; 3rd Vice-President — Mr. Mark Kulick — Windsor; Recording Secretary — Miss Catherine Smyke; Treasurer — Miss Mary Ann Peters;; Fifth Member — Miss Margaret Swaluk; Spiritual-Organizational Chairman

— Miss Nadia Boruch; Representative of the Catholic Council—Miss Mary Trakalo.

Mr. Alex Romanski, elected as 1st Vice-President, declined his nomination, stating that due to other obligations, he could not accept this nomination bestowed upon him.

Nominations were then open for election of a 1st Vice-President.

Mr. Peter Stasyna, Toronto, was nominated for 1st Vice-President by Miss Olga Weres, Toronto, and the nomination was seconded by Miss Olga Boyko, Toronto. Mr. Peter Stasyna accepted the nomination to fill the office of vice-president. Because of no further nominations, the position was assumed by acclamation.

Miss Donna Watamaniuk, Montreal, moved the slate to be accepted as read, seconded by Mr. Bill Mandzia, Montreal, the motion being carried.

Mr. Ed Medwig then called upon Mr. Joe Korchinski to come to the head table.

Miss Nadia Boruch, Chairman of the Resolution Committee and Organizational Committee read her report: —

In order to activate existing U.C.Y. locals and to encourage youth to join U.C.Y. the Convention resolved: —

**I. In Spiritual Activities:** (1) that members receive Holy Communion and hold a Communion Breakfast with a suitable guest speaker once a month. (2) That talks and discussions should be held to learn and deepen our knowledge of our religion, our rite, the history of our Catholic Church and particularly your Ukrainian

Catholic Church.

**II. In Cultural Activities:** (1) That talks and discussions to throw light on the idea 'Why we should value our heritage and our culture and to cultivate it'. (2) That locals should provide for the learning of Ukrainian embroidery, making of Ukrainian Easter eggs, Ukrainian dancing, the Ukrainian language and Ukrainian folk songs.

**III. In Organizational Activities:** (1) That locals conscientiously keep all records of activities and of members of former years and to pass them to future executives in order to keep contact with members that leave the club, to ensure continuation of planned activities and prepare for the future of the local. These records and reports should be forwarded yearly to the Diocesan Executive for studying and planning of activities and to maintain archives. (2) To organize regionals preferably according to the boundaries of newly formed Deaneries in order through these Regional conferences to co-ordinate planned activities.

**IV. Press:** We remind our members that all members of U.C.Y. are obliged to be subscribers to our official organ *The YOUTH* and at the same time we resolve that the locals support this magazine in particular by subscriptions, articles and press fund.

Mr. Ed Medwig, past President, then thanked the past Executive for their hard work and thanked Father N. Swirsky, for his many sacrifices and time which he spent with the U.C.Y. for the past two years.

Father N. Swirsky, then had the

honour and privilege of introducing His Excellency Bishop Isidore Borecky. His Excellency praised the youth for their untiring efforts to make this Convention a success. He stressed the importance of U.C.Y. members knowing the Ukrainian language, as this would not only please our elders but would have long-ranged benefits to each one of us.

Father N. Swirsky then asked the delegates and guests present to kneel on the floor and that His Excellency Bishop I. Borecky would bless everyone present.

His Excellency Bishop I. Borecky, then closed the Convention with a prayer.

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#### **PAST PRESIDENT'S SPEECH — SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES SINCE THE LAST CONVENTION UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH OF EASTERN CANADA**

**Lord Simcoe Hotel, Toronto, Ont.  
DIOCESAN REPORT**

On behalf of the Diocesan Executive of the U.C.Y. of Eastern Canada, I would like, at this time, to give a brief report of our activities for the past two years. Currently in our diocese, we have 17 locals, of which 12 are active and 5 inactive. There are within these locals a total number of 155 registered members and 200 members not yet registered, but who are active in their own locals.

The Diocesan Executive, which is seated here in Toronto has worked in unison with the past National Executive in keeping our youth more closely related as well as more active and efficient within their own local clubs. Two execu-



tives made frequent visits to as many locals as was possible in the diocese and gave special attention to these locals here in Toronto.

The work of our Executive has included such events as the May Time Frolic, a dance held for all the youth clubs in the Toronto and surrounding area.

During the same year, a Coronation Ball was held in the Park Plaza Hotel at Toronto at which we selected our preliminary U.C.Y. Queens of Eastern Canada. This was an event held for all the U.C.Y. locals in Eastern Canada and it turned out as a big success.

During the Thanksgiving weekend in 1957, Montreal, Holy Ghost U.C.Y. were hosts to an Eastern Diocesan Rally. The Theme of this Rally was "Youth and the Eucharistic Life" — guest speaker — Father N. Kushniryk. There were 39 delegates, all of whom received Holy Communion and attended the Communion Breakfast. This weekend consisted of a Pilgrimage to St. Joseph's Shrine and a tour of the city, a Banquet and Coronation Ball. Miss Sandra Karpluk was crowned Queen of Eastern Canada.

During the year of 1958 we had no special events, as difficulties confronted us during every planning session, and as a result we had to concentrate on the improvement and survival of our locals. However, we did attend the National Congress held at the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, in July. For the final undertaking of this U.C.Y. Diocesan Executive, we have worked hand-in-hand with our elders, the Uk-

rainian Catholic Women's League and the Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood to bring about this our Fifth Diocesan Convention. We have learned, both through reports and our visits, that our youth participated in most of the spiritual, cultural and social aspects.

Spiritually, they have carried out monthly Communion Breakfasts, devotions, retreats and have taken part in such organizations as the Legion of Mary. Our spiritual directors have ably assisted us at our meetings not only as advisors but have had religious discussions and teachings in the aim of making us better Catholics.

Culturally our clubs have held concerts, plays, Ukrainian dancing, carolling, subscribed to our YOUTH magazine and have learned about our nationality and our customs more fully. Although we have not joined up with our other organizations to undertake this aspect on a bigger scale, we still have made attempts of starting it within each local.

In closing I would like to say that we of the U.C.Y. hope that when this convention is over, our new executives will strive to bind us more closely with our elders in our work. We do not want to remain alone and unnoticed but want to work with our parents and with their advice and assistance make one large, happy, prosperous family in the near future.

Catherine Smyke	Ed Medwig
Secretary	President

Father N. Swirsky, O.S.B.M.  
Spiritual Director.

## REPORT OF FIFTH DIOCESAN CONVENTION OF TORONTO EPARCHY

**By Joe Korchinsky, President of  
U.C.Y. of the Eparchy of Toronto**

With the end of the Fifth Diocesan Convention of Toronto Eparchy which took place in Toronto on February 14 and 15, 1959, a new Diocesan Executive was elected to continue the important work so well directed by its former officers.

On behalf of this new executive I would like to extend a warm "hello" to our National Executive, to all other Diocesan Executives and to all the U.C.Y.

Our Convention was a success. Many delegates and guests were present to benefit from the many discussions and speeches held and to enjoy a rare get-together of locals at the evening banquet and ball. All of them left Toronto quite satisfied that a profitable weekend had been theirs.

There was one thing, however, with which everyone left in common. This was a challenge to the U.C.Y. to fulfill to the utmost the purposes of our organization, especially the development of our youth into better Catholics and good Canadian citizens who are proud of their cultural heritage.

It was at this Convention that the means by which the above could be accomplished were investigated and studied. Resolutions, resulting from these sessions, were drawn up by Organizational and Resolutions Committees and were accepted as read by all attending delegates.

Most important was the recognition of the need to spiritualize the

entire club program. This point was emphasized by all our guest speakers, His Excellency Bishop Borecky, His Excellency Bishop Marrocco, Father Dzurman, and Brother Methodius, F.C.S. Let not the term, SPIRITUALIZE, be misunderstood. It means that our club programs should be wholly permeated with the true Christian spirit and that they must never be allowed to depart in any manner or degree from the highest rules of conduct by which genuine Catholic Clubs are known always to be governed.

Indeed, it is only with the realization that our parish clubs can offer what secular organizations cannot, namely an excellent opportunity for spiritual and cultural self-betterment, that we can assume to be headed in the right direction. Unless all our activities are guided by the beacon light of our Church, then we will all be like a ship in the middle of an ocean without a compass and without a place to go.

Let us, therefore, reverse any trend which may exist, towards accentuating frolic making in our clubs at the expense of minimizing or neglecting our spiritual and cultural duties. We will then discover that we will be rewarded with a strong organization whose healthful influence on its members will be a most important contribution to our society.

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SINCERE THANKS

# The Christian Philosophy of Life

By Brother Methodius, F.C.S.

I want to review to you, in terse and straightforward language, the only philosophy of life that recognizes God's place in the life of individual men and women, and of society. This system of thought and action is the only one which guarantees interior peace and joy to individuals, and mutual, fraternal respect to nations.

Dear U.C.Y. Members. I consider you to elite, the chosen group of the Ukrainian Catholics in Canada. You are, as you should be, the apostles of Catholic thought and action in everyday life.

To His Apostles, in the Sermon on the Mount, Our Divine Lord said: "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt lose its savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is good for nothing any more but to be cast out and to be trodden on by men."

I charge you, the Ukrainian Catholic Youth Members, to accept the social responsibility—you have to share with others the philosophy of life you learned in your Catholic Church, in your Catholic schools and organizations. It is the philosophy that guided the first Missionaries of this great country of ours, Canada, who braved dangers, privations and death to proclaim to the world the moral cause for which they labored, suffered and died — the defence of natural rights which were given to man by his Creator. It is the philosophy that guided our glorious Bishops of Halichena in

their darkest moments of Communist persecutions. They were deprived of all human liberty and dignity, suffered, were tortured, and some died, — but did not apostatize, not one of them. They proclaimed to the world that their Catholic and Apostolic cause was greater than the cruel sufferings, tortures, and death. Oh, what a glorious chapter in our Ukrainian Catholic Church! It is the philosophy of the men who framed our Canadian Constitution—the Christian Philosophy.

In your Catholic church, school, and organization you learned that man was created by an all-wise, all-good, all-powerful God, and that in all relations between man, God, the Creator, must have His share. Marriage is a relationship, not simply between a man and a woman, but between a man, a woman, and God. Business is a relationship, not simply between buyer and seller, but between buyer and seller and God. Government is a relationship, not merely between ruler and citizen, but between ruler and citizen and God.

Take God out of this picture, and the whole scale of values is changed. The cheap rewards of this life, be they honor, glory, power, possessions, pleasures — take on tremendous importance.

The battle is to the strong, to the cruel, perhaps to the barbarous. The machine guns and the atomic and hydrogen bombs are of



infinite importance to the man whose sole hope lies in the few years he has this side of the grave. Ambition can be intense and vice can be furious when its hour is short. Take away all hope of eternity and you unleash the full savagery of selfishness.

The world suffers today from philosophies that leave out God. When God has no place in the family, the basic unity of society crumbles. When God is ruled out of business, justice and charity between men suffer, and our economic structure is undermined. When God is ignored in government, the Omnipotence of God is transferred to the State.

Dear U.C.Y. Members see this clearly. Recognize your duty to

society! Do your part, everyone of you, to restore God His place in the home, His place in society. You, and those who like you, have been trained in early years in the basic philosophy of life can save society. If you, the U.C.Y. Members, fail,—“If the salt lose its savour . . . it is good for nothing any more but to be cast out and to be trodden on by men.”

I wish you success. More than that, I wish you a successful life. Acquire and develop. But, I exhort you with all my force, in the process of acquiring and developing do not lose what I know you possess: your Catholic faith, your Ukrainian rite, your generous hearts, and your noble characters!

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## A Message from the National Executive

There are two important issues that have occurred since our last message to the “YOUTH”. Both issues which we will mention are extremely important in the success of a U.C.Y. organization. Let's turn towards the east and “hats-off” to the Diocese of Manitoba and the Diocese of Eastern Canada.

Much credit should be given to Mr. Myron Kruk and his fine executive for their efforts in organizing the U.C.Y. in that province. The national executive was not there and cannot reveal their secret. The results of their efforts, however, we have clearly witnessed. Their reports, membership, and attitudes in general are to be admired.

A few hundred miles farther East we find another group of busy U.C.Y. workers, that have contributed much to a U.C.Y. organization. Recently they held their Fifth Diocesan Convention and since then have mailed to us the minutes of their convention. We noticed that their comprehensive coverage of the problems of the U.C.Y. clubs and the YOUTH magazine were most interesting.

# U.C.Y of Edmonton Diocese

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi everybody; Since my last article in this magazine, I sincerely hope all our U.C.Y. members had a very happy Easter and a pleasant holiday. I hope that for the many sacrifices you have made during the lenten season in particular the good Lord will bless you with His many special blessings. We hope you take advantage of these special blessings He bestows upon you, by praying to Him regularly and attending holy Mass and receiving holy communion as often as possible. God loves you very much and He wants you to love Him. Therefore you should thank Him for the many things He gives you, your good health, your joys, your happiness, your wonderful parents for the love and harmony in your family and home, and many other things. I'm sure many of you at one time or another have been so extremely happy by some various events in your life, that at the end of the day it almost made you cry. These are the things that only God can give you, and they are yours just for your asking by praying to Him. Remember there isn't much happiness in broken homes, or where there is sickness and much less where there is no family harmony. So take our tip okay!

To-day we wish to send a special bouquet to all our U.C.Y. curlers who once again have supported us so enthusiastically. I hope that all of you had a lot of fun and I'm very confident that you did. By now I suppose our many curlers have

recuperated from their many aches and pains and are getting down to their normal round of activities within their club. We are truly proud of all our U.C.Y. locals by the way they so carefully plan and conduct their meetings and the beautiful co-operation that exists between them, and also the co-operation they give us. I'm sure by next year we will have one of the finest synchronized groups of Ukrainian Catholic youth that ever existed.

We are glad to report that we have been successful in organizing 3 more new clubs in our diocese, namely, Derwent, Vilna and Kamloops B.C. We wish these clubs every success, and by all reports they are doing very well. A special thank you goes to Mrs. Neczyk of Vilna for the organizing of their fine club there and to Joe Wysacki at Derwent for doing likewise.

Our next venture is to organize and hold a corporate communion throughout our entire diocese, which will be held on June 7 at 8:30 a.m. On this day we hope all 700 members in our diocese will each bring their younger or older brothers and sisters and also encourage their friends and all other youth in their parish that are not members to participate in this corporate communion. We feel that at least once a year an organization as beautiful as ours, we should all kneel to-gather in prayer on the same day and receive the blessed sacrament (Holy communion) in

one large body. This corporate communion is being dedicated to God through the heart of our Blessed Mother for the conversion of Russia, to bring world peace to its entire population, and to ask God for special blessings to all our Ukrainian Catholic Youth in our diocese, and all across Canada. Our objective is to have 1000 youth to participate on this day, and we must reach this goal. It will require a lot of hard work from all our U.C.Y. clubs to organize this but you must remember that you are doing this for God, and for Him only, and I'm sure He will certainly bless you for all your endeavours. We sincerely request the assistance of all our parish priests to assist us in this, to organize their youth whether they have a club in their parish or not to make this possible. We suggest that several clubs pick out a central location and go together on this. Our recommendations are that Star-Peno and Lamont U.C.Y. hold their at Lamont or vice-versa. Chipman, Hilliard, Mundare and Vegreville hold theirs at Mundare. Borschiw U.C.Y. and surrounding areas at Borschiw. Two Hills, Plain Lake and New Kiev at Plain Lake. Myrnam and Derwent at Derwent. Vilna and surrounding area at Vilna. Calmar, Leduc and Thorsby at Calmar. However, it is up to you to make your decision as to where you wish to have it, as these are our recommendations only. All the Edmonton youth are having theirs at St. Basil's. Calgary and Vancouver will hold theirs in their respective churches.

Here is a guide to assist you in organizing this: (1) Tell your parish priest of your plans and in-

tentions, make arrangements with him as to which church you will hold it in. He would advise you and assist you upon further request from you.

(2) Your objective should be to double your membership; if you have 35 members your club should make an effort to have 70 participants, all youth from their first communion and up should participate.

(3) Get in touch with the ladies' club in your parish and ask their assistance to sponsor this breakfast for the youth (your club could decide the menu).

(4) Make early arrangements for your guest speakers.

(5) Ask your parish priest to announce this in church at least three times in advance of the corporate communion.

More information will be mailed to each local shortly to assist you. If you will require more information write the Diocesan Executive or phone Walter Sowiak at Home- stead 6-2704 Edmonton.

We are also planning a U.C.Y. soft ball league. If you wish to enter, boys or mixed doesn't matter, how about hearing from you. So, till next time, may God Bless you all.

Sincerely

Walter Sowiak.

## Vilna U.C.Y.

The Vilna U.C.Y. got organized February 22, 1959. Fourteen members attended the first meeting with Reverend C. Stangret and Mrs. Mary Necyk as organizers of the



group. The executive was nominated as follows:

Orest Lupul — president; Joan Kully—vice-president; Delia Kureluk — secretary; Eileen Boychuk — treasurer; Controlling committee (1) Carol Gushta, (2) Joan Haluschak, (3) Ernie Lupul. Reverend C. Stangret spiritual director and Mrs. Mary Necyk U.C.W.L. representative.

It was decided that our U.C.Y. meetings are to be held 1st and 3rd Thursdays every month. 22 members attended the next meeting. We've held 4 meetings so far and have thirty members, all meetings are well attended. Our group meets at our school. We have the use of a classroom for our business part, then we have gymnasium for our entertainments. We have the use of the projectors where we see a film every meeting, or take part in some sport activity.

We held a "cash bingo" and a sale of home baking at the U.C.W.L. tea April 11. Each meeting we have 45 minutes of a religious talk by Reverend Stangret our spiritual director and then business for an hour or so followed by Ukrainian sing-songs, a film, a boisterous game, and lunch.

With the help from the provincial president Mr. Sowiak, and members from St. Josaphat's U.C.Y. who came out and explained the advantages of joining such an organization, we have been quite successful in making our meetings interesting and lively. Mr. Ted Tyrkalo organizational chairman of the Provincial U.C.Y., who came with four other young people from the city, spoke on aims and objectives of

U.C.Y. groups everywhere. The other representatives from the city were, John Kish vice-president of St. Josephat's U.C.Y., and sport convener of the provincial U.C.Y. Edward Marchak fifth member of St. Josephat's U.C.Y., and John Kowalchuk, treasurer of St. Josephat's U.C.Y., and Shirley Paley member of St. Josephat's U.C.Y. and former Vilna student. John Kish showed our members some interesting games in the gym. Our meetings are much too short, we find, as we have more entertainment than we can handle in one evening. Being a young interesting group, we hope to carry on the work of a U.C.Y. to its capacity.

## News from St. Basils Edmonton

Guess what the favourite topic of conversation about St. Basil's is these days !! BOWLING !!! You bet, come next Saturday — April 25th — we defend our trophy against those never-say-die challengers — St. Josephat's. Next month, we we'll tell you all about how we retained the trophy for yet another year — we hope.

Well, enough of predictions !!! Here's news of what has already happened at St. Basil's, since last our column appeared in these pages.

There was the Curling Bonspiel. Ah, yes !! Congratulations to the winners, and certainly a large, large bouquet to all those clubs who participated in this First Bonspiel. The friendliness, and sports-

manship displayed by all the clubs in attendance were what made this event the great success it was. We take off our hats to Lamont for the original idea, and look forward to another Spiel next year. How did St. Basil's do?? See you next year!!!

Club activities took a brief respite during the Easter holidays, but resumed with a Corporate Communion and Communion Breakfast held in St. Basil's Parish Hall on Sunday, April 12th. Our thanks to our Social Convenor, Sylvia Pyrch, for a delicious breakfast, but my, there were a lot of dishes to wash afterwards. We much appreciated having our Spiritual Director, Rev. Father Peter with us. His kindness and enthusiasm certainly are an encouragement to all.

Oh, I almost forgot!!! Some eight or ten bowlers, accompanied by a cheering section journeyed to Myrnam on April 4th to bowl against the Myrnam bowling teams in the semi-finals of the Bowling Tournament coming up very shortly. We won, but it was no pushover, believe me. The bowlers from Myrnam really gave us a run for our money. They also gave us a very warm reception in the form of a very tasty lunch and a dance after the bowling was all over. So, from St. Basil's to Myrnam, a very heartfelt thank you for a most enjoyable evening. We all had a wonderful time with you, you were bowlers it was a pleasure to bowl against, and we hope to meet you all again for another bowling tournament and an opportunity to repay your hospitality.

At the meeting on April 22nd,

the engaged couples of the Club were presented with gifts from the members during the social following the meeting. Five engaged couples were so honoured. The Club also presented Irene Mendiuk with a little memento of St. Basil's. Irene is leaving Edmonton in the very near future, and we wish her every success. We will all miss her. The members of St. Basil's also wish God's blessings for all the engaged couples of our Club who will be embarking upon the sea of Matrimony. We hope you will continue to join us at St. Basil's.

Until the next time, God bless you all.

Jo Bayduza.

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## Regional Rally at Two Hills

A very successful regional rally was held recently at Two Hills when several members of the Diocesan Executive met with the Presidents and Secretaries of the five locals of the U.C.Y. in that area.

The contingent from the Diocesan Executive, headed by the President, Walter Sowiak, met at Two Hills on Sunday, March 15th, with the representatives of clubs from Derwent, Myrnam, Plain Lake, New Kiew, and of course, Two Hills. Also in attendance were Reverend Fathers Cherkowski and Hanushewski, under whose spiritual direction, the majority of the above clubs function.

The rally, chaired by Walter Sowiak, was arranged to bring the

neighboring locals together for a frank discussion of problems, and exchange of ideas. Mr. Sowiak outlined to the representatives the forthcoming events planned by the Diocesan Executives and pointed out how the locals could and should participate. Both Father Cherkowski and Father Hanushewski spoke briefly to the group and both stressed the importance of working together.

The executives of the clubs present took advantage of the opportunity to present to the Diocesan Executive various problems in their organizational, social and spiritual activities of their clubs. Solutions presented by other members at the rally and a mutual exchange of

ideas between the Diocesan Executive representatives and the local representatives resulted in a much broader understanding of the aim of the Ukrainian Catholic Youth.

A group photograph and a delicious lunch served by the U. C. W.L. climaxed the afternoon,—our sincere thanks to the ladies for their efforts.

The thanks of the Diocesan Executive go out to Harry Kulak, Regional Vice-President, for organizing this very successful regional rally. It is the hope of the Diocesan Executive that several such rallies will be held in the future for the fulfillment of the aims of the Ukrainian Catholic Youth in Western Canada.

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## St. Josaphat's Junior U.C.Y. Edmonton

Hi everyone! The junior division of St. Josaphat's U.C.Y. Club has finally settled down to work, and many projects have been started. Today I would like to mention a few of our achievements.

On February 22, both the Senior and Junior Clubs participated in a Corporate Communion and Breakfast. We engaged as our guest speaker a distinguished lawyer, Mrs. Hewitt. I'm sure everyone who attended the Breakfast will agree that she gave a most wonderful talk. Other speeches were given by Rev. Father Superior V. Pidskalny; Father E. Kushko, the Club's Spiritual Director; and Walter Sowiak, President of the Provincial Executive U.C.Y. Our President, Danny Sereda, presented a

thank-you card to Ted Tyrkalo, the Senior President, for all the helps that the Senior Club had given us in getting started. The Breakfast concluded with a group picture being taken.

That afternoon the Junior Club had its tobogganing party, which was mentioned in my last article.

Early in March, we organized a Bowling Club. We bowl at noon every Saturday, and right now we have from fifteen to twenty members. As of yet we have no specific teams picked out, but we hope to have them very soon.

That's all from St. Josaphat's Junior U.C.Y. this month. We hope to see you again in the near future.

Anne Burko,  
Press Correspondent.



## "Give and You Shall Receive"

In this my first opportunity, I wish to express my sincere thanks to all, who made it possible for our Christmas hamper project to have been a great success. Because of this apostolic work, of which you were all a part, I would like to relate our wonderful experience to all U.C.Y. members.

Every Christmas, as all families unite to share the happiness of the coming of Christ once again into this world, we very seldom think of those who, through poverty, rejoice in a manner so different from the way we are accustomed. Where we exchange gifts of luxury, they exchange their endless love for each other; where we have an abundance of food, they have a shortage.

For our Christmas project this year, our main concern were these people who were in need. With the enthusiasm and generosity on behalf of each U.C.Y. member, plus the charitable donations from our U.C.Y. concert, under the direction of Father Eugene Kushko OSBM, and Dianne Bayrock,, we succeeded in collecting \$85.00. With this money we were able to buy three Christmas hampers, for three needy families within our Ukrainian Catholic Rite. As an example of the great appreciation shown by each family, upon receiving these parcels, I have chosen one of these families as an illustration.

On the Eve of Dec. 22, our spiritual committee visited the home of a family, who in spite of its poverty, was the wealthiest in spirit. With

us, we brought a beautifully decorated hamper, filled with food for a breakfast, a Christmas dinner, and a few staples which could be used later. As we knocked on the door of a home, which to same people would bring embarrassment, but to the owners brought comfort and shelter, we were met by a group of young, excited, and beaming faces. Because of our recent visit, they were well informed of our present mission. The pleasant aroma of freshly baked bread, gave the room into which we entered, an atmosphere of hominess, which was exemplified by the frugal manner in which they lived.

Presently the parents joined us, and as we handed the parcels to them, tears of joy sparkled in their eyes, because someone had been kind and thoughtful. Unable to express completely in words their gratitude; they grasped tightly the hand of each one of us. The sincere look in their eyes was beyond all words.

We learned from our conversation with them, that the family suffered from chronic malaise. Because of this, a large sum of money was spent each year, covering hospital bills. During our visit, an incident occurred, that shall never be forgotten by our committee. Two of the children, returned home from an evening at a club Christmas party. In their hands, they held two bags of Christmas treats, which had been received by all the children attending the party. Unlike most children,, who, immediately after

receiving their treats, enjoyed the contents of their bags; these two children brought their share home and placed it unselfishly, under the Christmas tree. Surrounding the trunk of a gaily decorated tree, were a number of tiny bags, filled with nuts and candies, placed there in the same manner by the other members of the family. How difficult it must be for you to imagine the glow of happiness in the eyes of these children, as they gazed with delight at their unopened candy parcels; in comparison with the feelings of other children, who wait anxiously to open their fancy wrapped, mysterious looking gifts, on Christmas Eve.

Our mission being accomplished,

we brought our most delightful visit to an end; by giving them our blessings. By their attitude and examples, they inspired the love of virtue in us, as they do in many wherever they go.

This is one of the families among many, found in this world today. I am sure that because of this project, our U.C.Y. members undertook, everyone concerned celebrated a happier and blessed Christmas. One day when we receive our heavenly reward, we will be overjoyed to hear Christ say, "Come to me I was hungry and you gave me to eat, Amen, I say to you, as long as you did it to one of these the least of my brethren, you did it for me."

Florence Shalagan

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## Hamilton, Ont., U.C.Y.

May 3, 1959

Hi there U.C.Y. Members!

This is the Hamilton U.C.Y.O. of Holy Ghost Parish reporting on our recent activities.

Earlier in the season, we had a dance which came out successfully. On April 26, the club had a communion breakfast for all members. The breakfast was at Roberts restaurant, Brother Methodius was our speaker. The B.U.K also took part in the breakfast.

May 18, is the day that the club is to go to Midland. Father Komar hopes to say the Mass at the shrine.

On Easter Sunday and also on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of Holy Week some of our boys played the parts of the guards guarding the tomb in the church.

The highlight of the year so far was our excursion to Toronto, which included trips through the

museum, the Parliament Buildings and though Casa Loma. We left home around 9:30 a.m. and reached our destination at mid-morning. The museum is a group of buildings three stories high. The first things to catch your eye, are the two huge totem poles, which are almost tall as the building itself. They start from the bottom floor and almost reach the ceiling. First we went to the geology room; here we saw the different species of rocks found in Ontario, also the walls were inlaid with etchings showing the theory on the development of planets from the early centuries to the modern times. In the same room, there was a globe which turned on its axis and every so often the upper half would open and you could see what the earth was like inside. Then we went into the mineralogy room, where we saw all kinds of gems



and minerals. The most interesting objects were the crystal caverns and the load stone which you could turn by moving a disk to the north; then the load stone being magnetised, would move toward the disk pointing to the north. We now we saw all the different species of went upstairs to a room in which animals in the world. Here we saw buffalo, moose, tigers, cougars, bobcats, reindeer, birds of paradise, peacocks, cats, fish and dogs of all different breeds. Of course, these were all stuffed. We also went into a room which was full of articles from Egypt. Here were samples of Egyptian art, mummies, Egyptian dress. There was a man buried in some straw; he was 3,000 years old, also he was dead. In another room were dresses dating back to the 17th century. Also we saw the coronation robes of the Queen of England. We went to lunch after this; some went to the cafeteria and to a nearby restaurant. Those of us who went to the restaurant were to be back at 1:30, and of course we came back at 2:00 p.m. The others including Father Komar had left for the Parliament Buildings; so we had to go to them ourselves. When we got there we expected an angry glare from Father; but after hearing that we had gotten lost, he just forgot about it and our trip from then on proved uneventful.

In the Parliament Buildings, we walked up a huge oak staircase, then were taken by our guide to Legislative Assembly room.. We sat in the west gallery which contained 11 Liberal seats, 3 C.C.F. seats and 33 P.C. There are 98 seats in the Legislative Assembly room, 84 of them are occupied by Progressive Conservatives. On the wall just outside the room are pictures

of the Fathers of Confederation. Then we signed the register and left for our trip to Casa Loma.

The name "Casa Loma" means The House On The Hill. This House On The Hill was truly a beautiful one. We went onto the terrace; while doing so our guide told us that the three doors through which we passed were made of brass and plate glass, also that EACH ONE cost 70,000 dollars. Then she also said that the ceiling cost \$5,000. We weren't very surprised when the guide told us that the man who built Casa Loma was paying \$1,000 A MONTH for taxes. There are 98 rooms in Casa Loma most of them are made in the similar cost. After this tour through fabulous Casa Loma, we boarded our bus, and headed for home, a group of foot-sore but happy U.C.Y. members. We all would like to express our thanks to Father Komar, Mr. Dzulynski, president of the Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood, and our Member of Parliament, Mr. Yaremko for an enjoyable day. I wish I could tell you more of our trip, but there isn't enough room for everything; so I'm signing off for now.

May God Bless You all,

Miss Luba Slotiuk,  
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A man walked into a secondhand store and said, "I would like something for my wife."

"Okay," said the proprietor, "bring her in, and we'll let you know how much we'll give you for her."